

REMARKS

Original Claims 1-11 have been cancelled with prejudice and replaced with new Claim 12-21. Claim 12 is primarily a compilation of original Claims 1 and 2. Claims 13, 16-21 are substantially identical to original Claims 3, 4-9 except for dependency. The final clause at the end of Claim 13 is an addition to original Claim 3 and the term "cylinder" in original Claim 6 has been changed to "cylindrical structure" in new Claim 18. New Claims 14 and 15 are substantially identical to original Claims 10 and 11 except for dependency. It is respectfully submitted that all the new Claims are fully supported by the original specification as filed. There are now 10 claims in the application including 1 independent claim, accordingly no additional filing fee is required.

35 USC 112, 2ND PARAGRAPH, REJECTION

Original Claims 6, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The details of the rejection are set forth on Page 2 of the Office Action. Original Claim 6 has been replaced by new Claim 18 which is dependent upon new Claim 17 (original Claim 5). The term cylinder in new Claim 18 has been replaced with "cylindrical structure" which finds antecedent support in new Claim 17. Original Claims 10 and 11 have been replaced with new Claims 14 and 15 which are dependent upon new Claim 13 (original Claim 3). Claim 13 has been amended to include a point of attachment. Thus, the term "the point of attachment" in new Claims 14 and 15 finds antecedent support in new Claim 13. It is respectfully submitted that the 35 USC 112 rejection has been overcome by the new amended claims.

35 USC 102(e) REJECTION

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Armstrup, US 5,476, 508, for the reasons set forth on Page 3 of the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been overcome with replacement of Claim 1 by new Claim 12 which is a compilation of original Claims 1 and 2.

A ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has found Claims 2-5 and 7-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, original Claim 1, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, Claims 6, 10, and 11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amended claims comply with the Examiner's requirement and are allowable. Claims 1 and 2 have been combined to create new Claim 12. Claim 2 was objected to, but would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form. It is respectfully submitted that new Claim 12 meets this requirement. Claim 18 has been made dependent upon Claim 17, and Claims 14 and 15 have been made dependent upon Claim 13. All the remaining claims, including Claim 13, are dependent upon Claim 12. Thus, all the new claims are ultimately dependent upon Claim 12.

In light of the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter set forth on Page 3 of the Action, and the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that new Claims 12-21 are allowable and a favorable action is solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the new claims or this response, the undersigned respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned.

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